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1. UNCONFIRMED INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO DEPT FROM JOURNALISTS INDICATES THAT DEMONSTRATION AND FAST ARE ORGANIZED BY FOLLOWERS OF UNIFICATION CHURCH LEADER MUN SUN-MYONG. PUBLICLY, LITERATURE AND DEMONSTRATION ARE ASCRIBED TO COMMITTEE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS OF JAPANESE WIVES OF NORTH KOREAN REPATRIATES. WE ARE TOLD THAT COMMITTEE LISTS MRS. EDWIN REISCHAUER, AMONG OTHERS, SPONSOR OR COMMITTEE MEMBER. WIRE SERVICES HAVE CARRIED BRIEF REPORTS OF SIMILAR COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN.

2. OVER PAST FEW MONTHS SOUTH KOREAN MEDIA HAVE GIVEN INCREASING ATTENTION TO PLIGHT OF JAPANESE WIVES OF KOREAN RESIDENTS WHO ELECTED TO SETTLE IN NORTH KOREA. MOST OF REPORTING IS BASED ON PLAINTIVE LETTERS FROM WIVES TO JAPANESE RELATIVES WHICH HAVE BEEN PUBLICIZED BY NAE OAE NEWS AGENCY. LATTER IS NEWLY FORMED NEWS AGENCY WHICH
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SEEMS TO BE ACTIVE ONLY IN ROK AND JAPAN AND CARRIES

MATERIAL PREDOMINANTLY ON NORTH KOREA.

3. ROKG INVOLVEMENT AT SOME LEVEL IN ABOVE EVENTS MAY BE
PRESUMED BUT DIFFICULT TO PROVE. INGERSOLL

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